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Iowa Prospective Plantings

Corn: Iowa farmers intend to plant 13.9 million acres of corn for all purposes as of March 1, 2007. This is up 1.30 million acres from 2006. The 1.30 million acre increase ties for the fifth largest year-to-year increase.

Soybeans: Producers intend to plant 9.20 million acres of soybeans in Iowa this year. This is down 950,000 acres from the previous year's planted acres. If realized, this would be the smallest soybean acreage since 1994 and would be the largest year-to-year drop in soybean acres.

Oats: Farmers intend to plant 140,000 acres of oats for all purposes, down 70,000 acres from last year.

All Hay: Iowa producers intend to harvest 1.40 million acres of hay, down 100,000 from last year.

This report is based on the voluntary responses from nearly two thousand Iowa producers. Data collection began February 26, with final interviews completed on March 15. This report provides only a preliminary indication of the acres farmers intend to plant. Actual plantings will depend greatly upon weather, economic conditions and the availability of production inputs at the time producers must make their final planting decisions.

Prospective Plantings, March 1, Iowa and United States

Crop	Iowa				United States			
	2005	2006	Indicated 2007	'07 as % of '06	2005	2006	Indicated 2007	'07 as % of '06
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, all	12,800	12,600	13,900	110	81,779	78,327	90,454	115
Oats	210	210	140	67	4,246	4,168	4,029	97
Soybeans	10,050	10,150	9,200	91	72,032	75,522	67,140	89
Hay, all ¹	1,600	1,500	1,400	93	61,729	60,807	63,056	104
Wheat, all	20	25	40	160	57,229	57,344	60,303	105

¹ Acres for harvest.

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